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**UTILITY PATENT**

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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-10 (canceled).

Claim 11 (currently amended): A method for manufacturing a battery pack comprising the steps of:

providing a housing and two cells, at least one cell having a weld area;

welding a strap between the two cells; and

disposing the cells in the housing,

wherein the strap is welded by disposing a first electrode on the strap outside of the weld area and a second electrode on the at least one cell outside of the weld area, and providing a current between the first and second electrodes.

Claim 12 (original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the second electrode contacts a side of the at least one cell.

Claim 13 (original): The method of Claim 11, wherein the second electrode contacts a periphery of the at least one cell.